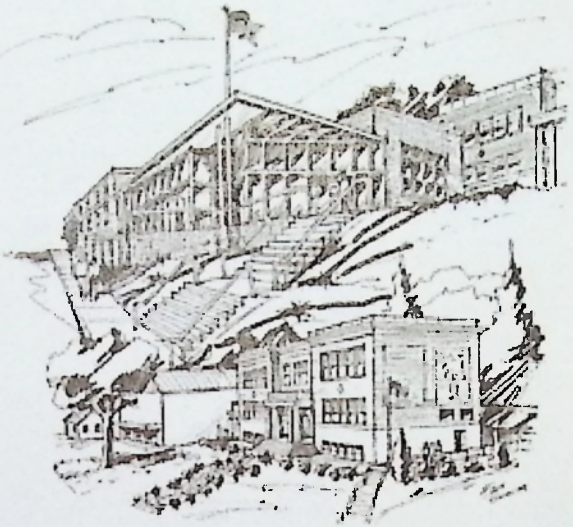
A Brief Look at the History and Significance of Gold Hill Schools



Hanby School Centennial Issue
1920 - 2010

Dedicated

In Memory

Of

Andrew Jackson Hanby

And

Margaret "Ella" Patrick

Introduction

The following booklet was originally the result of a research project conducted by three Talented and Gifted students at Hanby Junior High:

Aric Genaw
Amanda Huffman
Jeremy Warren

They chose to complete an application for acceptance of Hanby in the National Register of Historic Places as their T.A.G. project this semester.

They interviewed numerous former students and teachers, and sent out questionnaires to those that could not come to be interviewed. The students learned to interview people, research documents, draw floor plans, read maps, take photographs and many other various tasks involved in doing historical research. All information from 1889 until 1990 was gathered by these students. They were assisted by Linda Morehouse Genaw, Historical Advisor, and Alma Gates, Advisor.

When it was time for Hanby's Centennial year, in 2010, a committee was formed to plan events and share the history of the school. The committee was comprised of:

Mary Ellen Christian, retired Hanby Librarian
Shaundra Cook, Hanby 8th Grade Student Representative
Margaret Dials, retired Hanby Teacher
Bruce Fauble, retired Hanby Teacher and Patrick Principal
Alma Gates, retired hanby Home Economics Teacher
Rob Lewis, Current Hanby Principal
Susie Moore, retired Patrick Elementary Teacher
Tom Perdue, retired Hanby Dean of Students
William Southwick, retired Hanby Teacher and Dean of Students

Mary Ellen Christian and Margaret Dials compiled the updated information that was added to this commemorative booklet.

We all hope you enjoy this historical adventure.

Gold Hill School Time Line

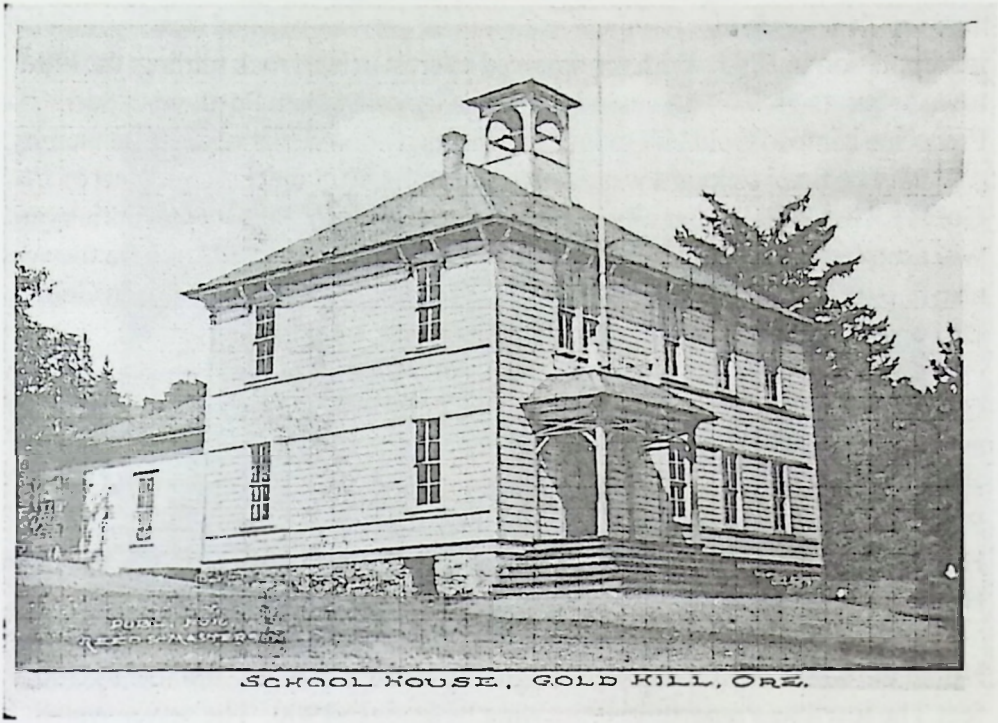
1889 – 1st School In Gold Hill District # 57 Log School House
1894 – 2nd School Built On Location Of Present City Hall Two Story Wood Frame Building
1910 – September New Gold Hill School Dedicated Cost $20,000 Bond
1913 – May 23, 1st Graduation Ceremony From The New Gold Hill High School, Hattie Hodges Graduates
1915 – Gold Hill City Burned, Students Helped Fight Fire
1920 – Library Wing Built $11,000 Bond
1922 – First Gym Built
1939 – Old Tennis Court Built
1945 – Student Government Started
1945 – Sams Valley Students Moved To Gold Hill
1945 – Lot 12 Block 15 Was Purchased
1947 – Purchased Lots 5, 6, 7,& 8 Block 14 For Playground
1948 Gold Hill, Central Point, Tolo, Willow Springs and Table Rock vote To Consolidate With District #6
1951 – Last High School Class To Graduate From Gold Hill High School
1957 – Gold Hill School's Named Changed To A. J. Hanby School
1965 – Summer, Gym Rebuilt And Enlarged
1971 – New Tennis Courts And Black Top Area
1972 – Lot 1 Block 15 Was Purchased From Boham's
1978 – Gully Behind Gym Filled In For P.E. Area
1982 – Landscaping Behind Gym
1990 – 80 Birthday Celebration
1990 – Nomination For National Register Of Historic Places Completed
1991 – Portables arrive for 6th grade classrooms as Hanby Junior High becomes a Middle School
1992 – Gazebo built in honor of Jerry James. Landscaping done around the portables
1993 – Windows installed in offices on the main floor after moving it down from the 3rd floor
1994 – Stones added to Memorial area in honor of Becca Harkins and Sarah McClean
1995 – Field House Building donated for the football field
1997 – Field house remodel completed New carpet in the library

1998 – Gift from a former student provides for internet/network wiring of the main building and soft ware for the computer lab
1999 – Completed wiring of the campus for the computer system
2000 – Bond issue passed providing 13 million for upgrades at Hanby. 9 new classrooms, cafeteria,
as well as remodeling in the main building
2001 – Construction begun on addition and the 2nd set of portable classrooms were placed behind the gym
2002 – Library remodeled and new building dedicated

Gold Hill School District #57 was established in 1889. The first school was a log structure, located behind the present city hall.

Picture of First Gold Hill School ca. 1890

In 1894 a larger two story building was built on the cite of the present day city hall/ library building. This school served the community until the large Gold Hill School was built in 1910.



Picture of Second Gold Hill School
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The Gold Hill School, or Hanby Middle School, as it is now called, is located in the Southern Oregon community of Gold Hill, in Jackson County. The school is one of the most well-preserved examples of the Chicago Style of architecture in the Rogue River Valley. It is the only example of the Chicago Style of architecture in Gold Hill. Construction started in the fall of 1910, it was complete, with the exception of the porches in January of 1911. Henry T. Wentworth was the contractor, he used brick that was manufactured at the Stickel Brother's brick yard that was located at the Dardanelles, southeast of Gold Hill. The school is significant, in that it has served the educational needs of the community continuously for 100 years. The school has housed both high schools and elementary grades and now serve middle schoolers, grades 6-8.

The Gold Hill school sits on two city blocks at the base of Nugget Butte overlooking the city of Gold Hill, and is the most imposing landmark in the city.

Gold Hill was established in 1884 along the main line of the present Southern Pacific Railroad. Just as the many other towns that were laid out at that time, it struggled for dominance. Gold Hill grew slowly and steadily until its incorporation in 1895. With the renewed interest in hard rock mining, the little town began to grow at a tremendous rate. Capitalist from Portland to San Francisco came to Gold Hill to invest in the many mines that were in the vicinity.

The first brickyard was established at the Dardanelles, southeast of Gold Hill in 1897. William Russell owned and operated it. A second brickyard was established by W. H. Stickel and H. M. Staudinger in 1900, where tile was also manufactured. The brick for all of the remaining brick structures in Gold Hill were made at one of these brick plants.

In mid 1899 a corporation was founded called the Gold Hill Development Corporation belonged to the Oregon & California Railroad, plus an additional 80 acres from Ben Haymond west of the present town of Gold Hill. This acreage was originally part of the Patrick Donegan homestead. Phoebe Dekum, was president of the development company and her son Ivan Humason was the secretary. In addition to the development company, the Gold Hill High Line Ditch Company was formed.

Dekum proceeded to lay out town lots in the 80 acres adjoining Gold Hill to the west. The blocks were originally laid out in block 200 feet by 300 feet.The town was reported as "growing by leaps in 1900. The sewer system was installed in 1903, using bricks made at the Dardanelles. Many of these brick sewer lines are still in use.

Although mining interests prospered all through the first decade of the twentieth century, other significant things happened that changed the course of history. Gold Ray Dam was started in 1902, and completed in 1904. Originally it was built to provide power to several of the area mining companies. The power house went on to provide electricity for Southern Oregon.

The orchard industry was also coming into vogue in the Rogue Valley during the first ten years. The Del Rio orchard at Rock Point was planted in 1904.

The Dekum Addition was annexed to Gold Hill in 1910. It was resurveyed and the roads were narrowed
to 60 feet, which made the blocks 220 by 300.

The people of the area voted themselves a $20,000 bond to build a new school in 1909.

Dekum sold lots 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,& 11 of block 15 and lots

1,2,3,4,,9,10,11,& 12 of block 14 to School District # 57 September 10, 1910. Construction was then started on the Gold Hill High School. The school was completed, with the exception of the front porch in January of 1911.

Gold Hill School Fire Drill - G.H.H.S. #350

In July of 1919 the citizens approved an $11,000.00 bond to add on to the Gold Hill School. The contract for the addition was awarded to B. E. Adams, June 21, 1920. This addition was originally used for an auditorium and high school classes. Although the addition is stucco, great care was taken to keep the lines and porch within the theme of the Chicago Style.

In 1945 district #57 bought lot 12 in block 15, in 1947, lots 5,6,7, & 8 in block 14 were purchased. Lot 1 in block 15 was purchased form the Boham's in 1972. The two city lots consist of 3.29 acres.

The exterior of the building is almost exactly as it was built in 1910, with the exception of the above mentioned addition. The interior has been changed very little.

Some adaptions have been made within the classrooms, but are of a temporary nature. Modern lighting, restrooms, linoleum have been added, and ceiling heights have been lowered.

There are other brick school houses in Jackson County, but none are the Chicago Style of the Gold Hill School. Other brick schools like Central Point Elementary, in Central Point, and Lincoln, Roosevelt, and Jackson in Medford are of the American Renaissance Style.

The Gold Hill school reflects an era gone by for the city of Gold Hill. When other communities such as Willow Springs and Table Rock built their school using a wood frame mission style, the citizens of Gold Hill showed their pride and achievement by erecting a large brick school house.

Gold Hill broke away from the more ornate Queen Anne, Mission Revival and American Renaissance styles of the nearby communities to the cleaner more modern lines of the Chicago style.

Nestled in the pines, located at the base of Nugget Butte, overlooking the town of Gold Hill Hanby is a reminder of an era of prosperity.

The Gold Hill School remains the largest most prominent building in the city of Gold Hill. It can be seen on the hillside by commuters along interstate five.

When Patrick School was built and the Gold Hill School was changed to a Junior High, a contest was held to name the two schools.

Ida Von Buskirk, who was a teacher at Gold Hill school, had submitted two names. She picked Riverside for Patrick and Hillside for Hanby. She didn't win the contest, however, and the schools were named in honor of two early teachers: Margaret E. Patrick and Andrew Jackson Hanby.

Margaret E. Patrick was better known as Miss Ella Griffiths. She taught at most of the early one room schools in the area. Ella Griffiths was born in May of 1865 in Canada. She married George Patrick July 9,1904, h e was 57 and she was 39. Mr. Patrick had a fruit farm just west of Gold Hill toward Patrick School.

Andrew Jackson Hanby was another early teacher, and principal. Hanby was born October 27, 1867 in Beaver County Pennsylvania. He came to Oregon in the spring of 1888. He was a graduate from Oregon College of Education and the University of Oregon. Hanby taught school in Oregon for a total of 42 years, including 25 years in Medford, three years in Central Point, and two years each in Lakeview, Gold Hill and Phoenix. Hanby School was named for him in 1956.

A.J. Hanby ca.1898

Mr. Hanby was an ordained Christian minister and a member of the I.O.O.F. loge and served as grand chaplain of the Oregon I.O.O.F lodge in 1952-23. He had been vice president of the First Federal Savings and Loan association of Medford from 1937 until his death, March 2,1957.

Hanby was first married to Eva Stone, who died in 1910, he then married Mary Lauretta Campbell. A. J. Hanby is buried in the mausoleum at the historic Eastwood I.O.O.F Cemetery in Medford.

Since 1991 Hanby has been a middle school for 300+ students in grades 6 through 8, serving the Gold Hill and Sams Valley communities. Hanby has always fit the model of a "small school", today acknowledged to be the best learning environment. With only small numbers in attendance, all students need to participate in activities and are well known to all the staff and each other,.

Many students through the years have returned to visit, to comment to the teachers that Hanby was where their best educational memories were made. We hope that Hanby's centennial celebration will be another pleasant memory for all who attend.

The following people attended the 80th birthday party for Gold Hill School:

Amanda Huffman ..... class of 1990
Chris Lowe ..... class of 1991
Missy Cox ..... class of 1990
Daisy Batzer ..... class 1990
Aric Genaw ..... class of 1990
Jeremy Warren ..... class of 1990
Nichole Barton ..... class of 1990
Rachel Merusi ..... class of 1991
Lottie Fleming Frost ..... class of 1922
Mary Bradish
Claire Johnson ..... class of 1933
Lois E. Simmons ..... class of 1933
Crayetta Armstrong
Effie Baldwin
Virgil Baldwin ..... class of 1943
Charley Ritter ..... class of 1935
Blossom Ritter
Robert Wolff ..... class of 1940
George E. Kile ..... class of 1943
Jim Sutliff ..... class of 1942
Raymond Ritter ..... class of 1922
Erma Ritter
Gene Heil
Pearl Kruiesi
Ed Kruiesi custodian 1973-77
Katherine Van Dyke ..... class of 1937
Frances Childers ..... class of 1937
Buster Mullen ..... class of 1939
R.L. Raber ..... class of 1938
Barbara Raber
Lorraine Smith ..... class 1940

Howard Wilson ..... class of 1938
Ted Wharton ..... attended 1935
Armella Wharton
Evelyn Jones ..... class of 1943
George Christiansen ..... class of 1951
Beverly Christiansen
De Kalista ..... class of 1943
Merritt Hittle ..... class of 1927
Jean Hittle
Millie Rosecrans Wolff ..... class of 1946
Don Wolff ..... class of 1942
Micki Forrest
Tylee Forrest ..... class of 1990
Toshi Forrest ..... class of 1992
Herb Lingren ..... class of 1935
Elaine Lingren
Gilbert Lentz
Eileen Shorb Lentz ..... class of 1939
Raymond Seely
Charlotte Walker Seely ..... class of 1939
Betty Levine Knackstiat ..... teacher 1949-51
Vonnie Tepovac Fitchner ..... class of 1943
Amillia Tepovac Chamberlain ... class of 1927 .
Linda Harper
Bob Harper
Connie Gaar
Marie Clark
Ogden Kellogg ..... class of 1960
Reginald Genaw ..... class of 1964
Trisha
Marjorie Todd ..... class of 1933
Nona Dungey ..... class of 1941
Elsie Gascon Williams ..... class of 1950
Lillie Gascon Williams ..... class of 1945
John Batzer
Anne Batzer
Ruth Broomfield ..... teacher 1949-52

Earle Fitchner
Samantha Batzer ..... future student
Nichol Richardson ..... future student
Vern Reitan
Alma Reitan
Boyce Kellogg ..... class of 1927
Stacy Williams Ralph ..... class of 1970
Jesse Lichtenstein ..... class of 1990
Don Thumler
Marvin A. Throne ..... teacher 1959-78
Judy Kinney Mellow ..... class of 1964
Joanie Ryan
Steve Morris ..... custodian 1990
Sue Mapolski
Ron Brown ..... class of 1960
Elecia Brown ..... future student
Tiffiany Brown ..... future student
Ida Dusenberry Tilley ..... attended 1950
Sheila Hensen
Sara Brooks
Kim White ..... class of 1973
Carol Maurer ..... class of 1958
Charminy McCurry ..... class of 1990
Clarence Baker ..... Superintendent
Orpha Martin Thumler ..... class of 1947
Donald R. Thumler
Mr. and Mrs. Alliston
Anne Johnson Christensen ..... class of 1949
Vada Wright Hanscom ..... class of 1949
Lenore Gebhard ..... school board
Bruce Robinson ..... school board
Jack Parker ..... teacher 1963-1990
Linda Genaw
Tiffiny Taylor ..... class of 1991
Alma Gates ..... teacher 1970-1998
Shirley Faltersack ..... secretary 1970-
Harvey O. Boyle ..... principal 1977-83

Sandy Mazurek ..... teacher 1982-
Richard Widlund ..... class of 1990
Mike Hopkins ..... class of 1990
Jason Slaughter ..... class of 1991
Ben Ralph ..... class of 1990
Shane Prier ..... class of 1990
Jerry Slaughter ..... class of 1990
Andy Cardinal ..... class of 1990
Jennifer Quilliams ..... class of 1990
Tylee Forrest ..... class of 1990
Maris Mapolski ..... class of 1991
Jon Craig ..... class of 1990
Jacob Hudson ..... class of 1991
Kevin Rumenapp ..... class of 1991
Stacey Fisher ..... class of 1991
Ryan Brown ..... class of 1991
Jesse Droesch ..... class of 1991
Ericka Wells ..... class of 1991
John Williams ..... class of 1991
James Forrest ..... class of 1991
Jenni Smith ..... class of 1990
Trish Clement ..... class of 1991
Stephanie Keim ..... class of 1991
Tonya Mackey ..... class of 1990
Chrystal Mellow ..... class of 1990
Amber Riddle ..... class of 1991
Elizabeth Dials ..... class of 1991
Sara Faye' ..... class of 1991
Amy Rogge ..... class of 1990
Erin Schoonover ..... class of 1990
Rachel Richardson ..... class of 1990
Summer Couch ..... class of 1990
Michelle Zipperman ..... class of 1990
Kelly Cherry ..... class of 1990
Vern Loy ..... teacher
Jeanie Camarillo ..... teacher

Doug Hoxmeier ..... teacher 1990
Teresa Mitchel ..... teacher
Mary Ellen Christian ..... teacher/librarian
Laurie Cunningham ..... cook
Kay Martyn ..... teacher
William Southwick ..... teacher
Carleen "Pudge" Frost ..... secretary
D. Craig Botts ..... teacher
Karen Kaping ..... teacher
Joyce Keith ..... teachers aide
Cathy Bilberry ..... teachers aide
William Bachmeyer ..... dean
Carol Endsley ..... library aide
Randall Stroh teacher 1985

Footnotes and sources:

1 Ernie Lyman, who was born February 21, 1896, and would have been 14 at the time, remembers the Stickel brother's burning the brick for the new school house.

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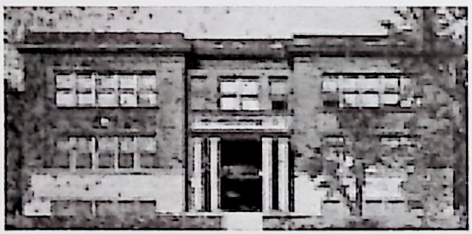
Picture of TAG students who worked on placing Hanby on the National Record of Historic Places:

Front row L to R Linda Genaw, Amanda Huffman and Alma Gates
Back Row L to R Jeremy Warren and Aric Genaw



Hanby in 1990

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Thanks additionally to all who helped and attended the Centennial Celebration on June 5, 2010.

The Centennial Committee:

Front Row L to R Alma Gates, Susie Moore, Mary Ellen Christian
Middle Row L to R Margaret Dials, William Southwick, Shaundra Cook
Back Row L to R Rob Lewis and Tom Perdue

The following people attended the Centennial Celebration for Gold Hill School on June 5, 2010:

(Signatures of friends who attended and their favorite memories can be added here.)